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SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFING MAY 7, 1976

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED BY ARA FOR THE
DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN FOR MAY 7, 1976:

Q. THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CHILE HAS STATED PUBLICLY THAT
THERE IS NO LINKAGE BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT'S RELEASE OF 49
PRISONERS AND THE VISIT OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY SIMON.
WILL YOU COMMENT PLEASE?

A. I WOULD RATHER NOT COMMENT. WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT IT
HAS OCCURRED AND HOPE THAT ADDITIONAL RELEASES WILL BE
FORTHCOMING.

Q. DO YOU ANTICIPATE ANY ADDITIONAL RELEASES AT THIS
POINT?

A. WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GROUP OF 49 THAT
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HAVE JUST BEEN RELEASED?

A. FORTY-FIVE OF THE GROUP HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR PAROLE INTO THE U.S. MOST WERE WAITING THE GOVERNMENT'S PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. NOW WE CAN BEGIN TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR RESETTLEMENT.

Q. ARE THE FOUR FORMER HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT AMONG THE 45 WHO HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR PAROLE INTO THE U.S.?

A. NO. THEY ARE NOT AMONG THE 45. ALL, HOWEVER, HAVE INVITATIONS FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES.

Q. DO ANY OF THEM WANT TO COME HERE?

A. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CHECKING THAT NOW.

Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILEAN DETAINEES WHO HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE U.S. UNDER THE PAROLE PROGRAM AND ARE ACTUALLY HERE NOW?

A/ 62 CHILEAN FORMER DETAINEES AND THEIR FAMILIES A TOTAL OF 184 PEOPLE, ARE NOW RESIDING IN THE U.S. AN ADDITIONAL 116 APPLICATIONS (INVOLVING 340 PEOPLE) HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE U.S. FOR PAROLE, AND ARE AWAITING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR RESETTLEMENT TO THE U.S.

2. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ON THIS SUBJECT. SISCO

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